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SUBJECT: GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS ATTACKS U.S. FOR STAND ON UNFICYP
MANDATE

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1. SEVERAL GREEK CYPRIOT NEWSPAPERS, PICKING UP ON GOC PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE'S (PIO) ACCOUNT OF UNSC MEETING ON CYPRUS, HAVE SOUGHT TO LAY BLAME FOR DELAY IN RENEWAL OF UNFICYP MANDATE ON U.S. AND OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES. PIO RELEASE SAID, "AT LEAST ON THREE OCCASIONS THERE WERE THREATS OF NON-RENEWAL OF THE UNFICYP MANDATE. THE THREATS WERE COMBINED WITH INTENSE POLEMICS AGAINST THE CYPRUS POSITIONS. TYPICAL OF THE ATMOSPHERE PREVAILING AND THE SHARP DISCUSSIONS WAS THE FACT THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME UNFICYP REMAINED FOR 4 HOURS AND 15 MINUTES WITHOUT A MANDATE." PIO ADDED RELEASE DID NOT IDENTIFY SOURCES OF "THREATS" AND "POLEMICS" BUT SINGLED OUT SOVIET UNION, INDIA, AND NON-ALIGNED
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COUNTRIES AS PARTICULARLY FAVORABLE TOWARD CYPRUS CAUSE.

2. LARGEST DAILY, PHILELEFTHEROS, REPORTED THAT U.S. REPRESENTATIVE LEONARD "LED THE TOUGH HOSTILE BATTLE AGAINST THE CYPRIOT POSITIONS" AND WAS ASSISTED IN THIS BY UK REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD. RIGHT-WING MAKHI COMMENTED THAT ATTITUDE OF WESTERN

MEMBERS OF UNSC TOWARD RENEWAL OF MANDATE CAUSED
BITTERNESS AND INDIGNATION TO PEOPLE OF CYPRUS.
ELEFTHERI KYPROS, MOUTHPIECE OF RULING
DEMOCRATIC PARTY, SAID THREATS AGAINST CYPRUS AT SC
WERE AN EXTENSION OF CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY
OF HELPING TURKS. COMMUNIST HARAVGHI, EMPHASIZING
SOVIET SUPPORT FOR CYPRUS POSITION, SAID THAT BATTLE
OVER UNFICYP MANDATE PROVIDED ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY
FOR CYPRIOTS TO SEE WHO ARE THEIR SINCERE FRIENDS
AND WHO THEIR IMPLACABLE ENEMIES.

3. TURKISH CYPRIOT PRESS, ASIDE FORM REPORTING "TFSC
PRESIDENT" DENKTASH'S STATEMENT IN NEW YORK (REFTEL), HAS
LARGELY IGNORED THE MANDATE RENEWAL FIGHT.
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